



Mike Braddock

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Mike Braddock

SCHOOL: Garrison Middle School

SUBJECT/GRADE: Social Studies - 7th

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 20

Q. What project are your students working on?

A. Seventh grade social studies is a course that focuses on history and geography. We are learning about theme maps as they relate to our unit on Africa. Students are studying climate and vegetation. We also look at our local climate to see how it compares to Africa and the areas we are studying.

Q. What span of history do you cover in this class?

A. We start from Rome and go through the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards, so we're covering a huge period of history.

Q. What do you hope your students remember most about your class?

A. I want them to see that we have way more similarities than differences with the people from the areas we are studying. Although appearances might be different, I'm hoping they see there is a connection between themselves and the world.

Q. How does technology help you teach this subject?

A. The advancements in technology allow me to click on a web site and instantly show the students the area we are studying. It's exciting when kids come into class and tell me what they discovered about the subject on their computers at home. Technology brings a visual to everything we do.

Q. What do you like most about 7th grade students?

A. I love the energy these students bring to school everyday. They're great kids.

COMMENTS FROM GARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GINA YONTS:

"You love having folks like Mike on your team. He's creative, solution oriented and a hard worker. He consistently applies these attributes to creating the best possible environment for kids. He's invaluable to our organization!"

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
MIKE BRADDOCK'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM MIKE...

"My students may not know everything they are learning, but I want them to have the confidence in themselves to find, access and process the information and then be able to communicate it."

I've seen a lot changes in technology over the years. I use a lot more student data to guide my teaching than I did in the past. I like to put my students in groups. It helps them take ownership in their learning.



Braddock has been at Garrison Middle School for 20 years. He has taught math, science, language arts and social studies.

He also coaches football at Garrison and basketball at Walla Walla High School.